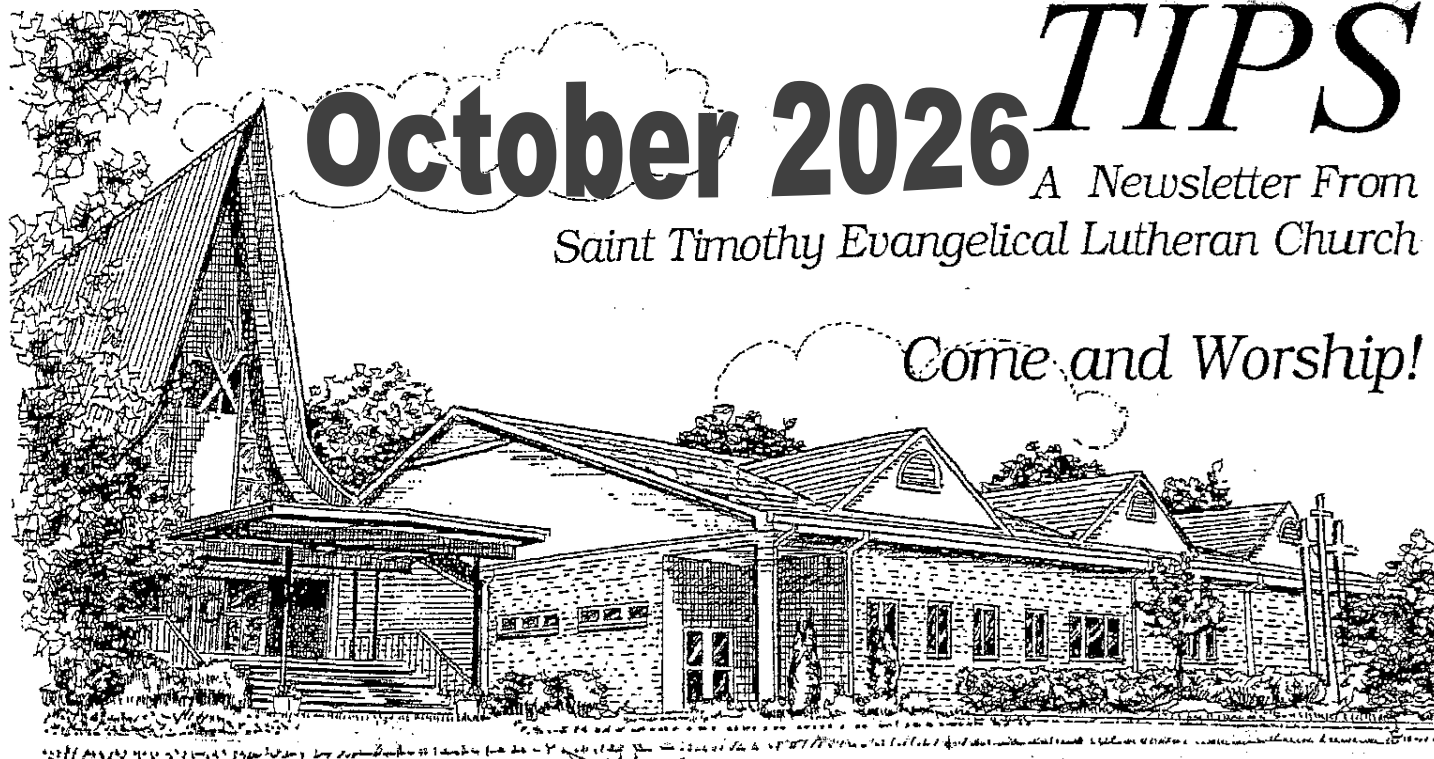




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 Sunday Worship 9:00 am & 10:30 am

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Christian Ed includes: -Sunday School -Confirmation class -Adult Forum		 Symbol indicates Sundays with Coffee Hour following the later service in Fellowship Hall	 Collection box available starting 9/6 through 11/1; see article for list of requested items	1	Office Closed 2 6 pm AA	3
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25 <u>9:30</u> Worship followed by meeting & brunch 1pm AA 	Germany trip 26 <u>9-11:30 am</u> Heart 'n Hands <u>7pm</u> Scouts	Germany trip 27 <u>1 pm</u> Meditation w/Movement <u>2 pm</u> Bible Study w/Holy Communion	Germany trip 28 No Music Rehearsal	Germany trip 29	Germany trip 30 Office Closed 6 pm AA	Germany trip 31



“No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face.”
– John Donne

Every time a new season rolls around, I am in awe of God’s creation. I love the flowers of spring, the sun and surf of summer, even the blanket of snow in winter. The absolute best, though, is the leaves of fall. Growing up in Ohio, we had maple trees everywhere. It was a treat to travel from Texas to Ohio and get a weekend of fall from time to time.

I don’t have to go to Ohio any more though, because for a few weeks each year our street is absolutely perfect. I just want to sit and stare all around at the gold, orange, and red. It is breathtaking. The first year we lived here, I pulled over coming up the hill to just take it in. I cried about how beautiful it is. God gives us so many gifts. It is worthwhile to stop and enjoy them as often as we can. Otherwise, we might get bogged down in the ugly of the world.

As Christians, we believe in life after death. We don’t know too much about what that will be like. The bible only gives us hints. We know that we will feast and there won’t be any pain or sorrow. That is worth looking forward to.

But our eternal life with Jesus begins at the moment of our baptism. We don’t have to wait until heaven to enjoy God’s gifts. This world does have its share of pain and sorrow, but it also has beauty and flavor and love. We get to choose what we are going to give our attention. And when things are really bad, we can focus on something good to pull us through.

A year ago, when things got really, really hard for my family, I took time each day to give thanks to God for simple things like the smell of cinnamon, the color of the leaves, the feel of hugs. Some days I took walks and paid attention to the wider world, so I wouldn’t be so stuck in my own head. Other times, I laid on the floor and took stock of my limbs, muscles, heartbeat, and breath. When the world becomes overwhelming, the only option is to simplify it – even if only for a few moments.

A Jesuit Prayer:

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

**As we welcome the autumn months,
may the earlier setting of the sun
remind us to take time to rest.**

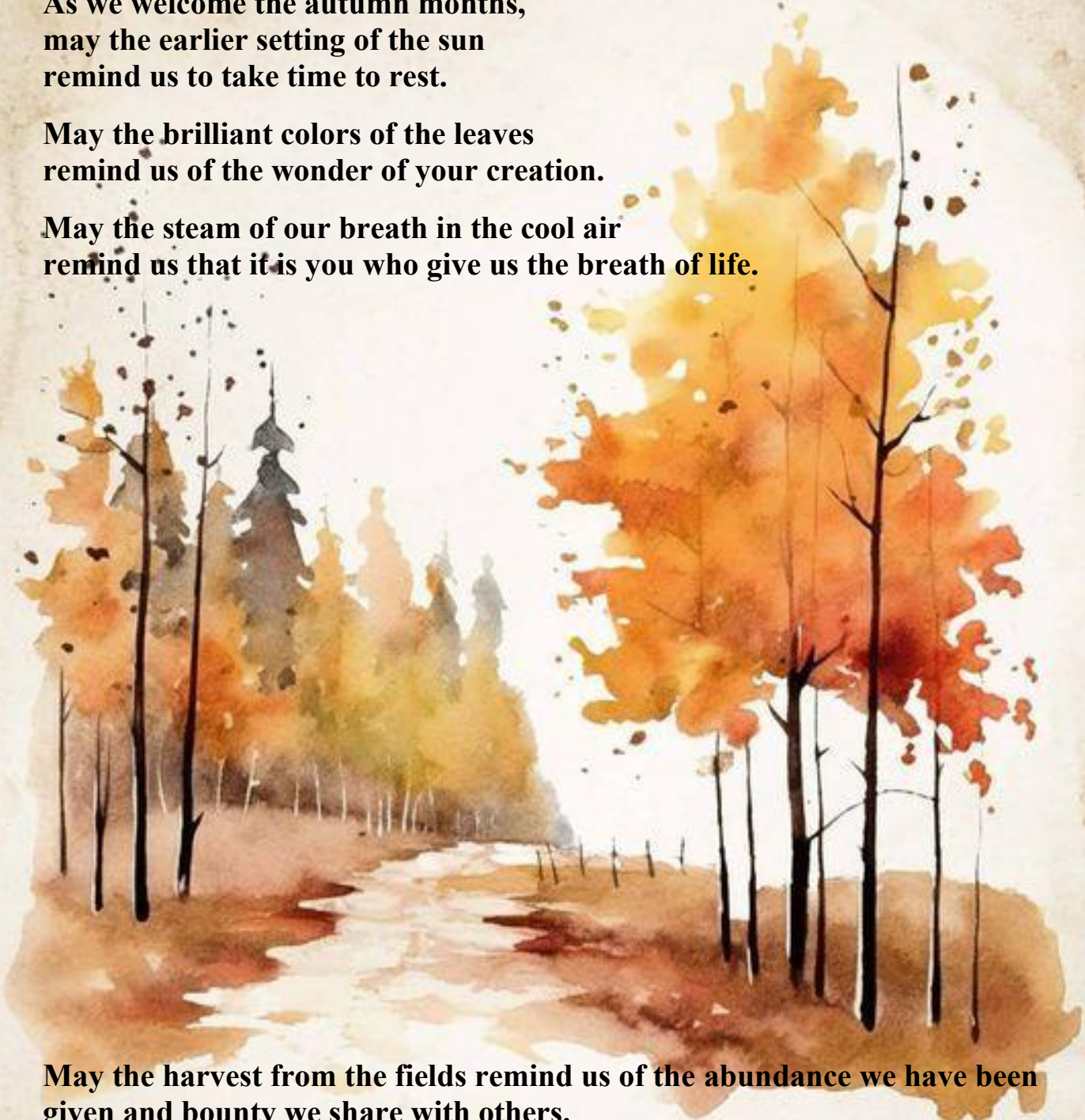
**May the brilliant colors of the leaves
remind us of the wonder of your creation.**

**May the steam of our breath in the cool air
remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.**

**May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been
given and bounty we share with others.**

**May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death
is temporary and life is eternal.**

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.





Coming soon to a smartphone near you...



We are actively looking to implement bulk SMS messaging to allow for short-notice announcements to the congregation (such as the recent changes to Sunday programming due to weather). You will be asked to opt-in to this service by completing a form to enroll your cell phone number.

Look for more information via announcements and eblasts soon.

Just how much food will we need this year?!

Join us Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 PM for an evening of food, fellowship, and Oktoberfest fun!



We'll be serving pork and chicken bratwurst, red cabbage, spaetzle, potato pancakes, and pizza for the kids. Guests 21+ are welcome to BYOB, and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

No admission fee! Donations are encouraged to help cover event costs and support the programs and ministries of St. Timothy.

Please sign up in advance using the Google Form ([click HERE](#)), the paper form on the bulletin board at the church, the QR code, or by contacting the church office.



Bring your family and friends. All are welcome!

Memorials Update by Anne Loffredo



We are grateful that during the past month, gifts have been given to the St. Timothy Memorial Fund in memory of:

Ray Lender

and that there were several partial repayments to the Schleer and Flanders Funds.

Annual Seafarers International House Collection



Time to think Christmas for the men and women who sail the seven seas serving our needs. Holiday time can be lonely when far, far from home. Seafarers International House ministers to the people in port throughout the year, counseling, providing every facet of pastoral care. At Christmas, the chaplains visit ships in the harbor delivering gifts to over one thousand seafarers.

St. Timothy WELCA has been a partner in “Christmas at Sea” for many seasons. Please help us with giving of a donation from the list provided below:



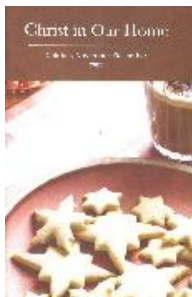
- Sweatshirt ~ M, L, or XL
- Socks ~ Crew style
- Large bar of chocolate or can of nuts or healthy snack bar
- T-Shirt ~ M, L or XL
- Knitted winter cap

From **September 6th through November 1st**, a box will be in the Fellowship Hall level next to the elevator to capture our booty and make “Christmas at Sea” another success!

Speak with Debbie Andersen if you have any questions.

Free Greeting Cards

In need of Halloween or Thanksgiving cards? Check out the selection on the table in Fellowship Hall where Barbara Kaplan maintains an ample supply for all occasions.



4th Quarter Devotionals

Listening to the Spirit isn't just for Sundays during Worship! Pick up a quarterly devotional to read, literally, when the Spirit moves you; daily suggested scriptures and reflections available.

All Saints Data Collection

[Click HERE](#) to submit names and information of departed saints of your life to be included in the remembrance booklet on Sunday, November 1. Paper forms are also available in the narthex along with a drop box.

Both electronic and paper forms are due by Monday,
October 26th.



Synod Germany Trip



Pastor Kimberly and several members of the congregation will be travelling to Germany on the NJ Synod's sponsored Reformation: Then and Now pilgrimage, where they will explore the roots of the Reformation in the land of Martin Luther and reflect how their Lutheran heritage equips them for the church's mission of today. The tour begins on October 26th and our travelers return on November 5th.

Prayer Chain: by request

Matthew 7:7

*"Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be
opened to you."*

Jesus invites us to persistently ask, seek, and knock, promising God will respond with open doors. This encouragement removes the hesitation in prayer and calls us to approach God boldly.

Do you find yourself in need of extra prayers for a timely intercession, either for yourself or someone close in need?

St. Timothy has a group of dedicated faithful who will pray daily for your cause for a month at a time. Confidentiality is maintained across all levels, so you may share as much or as little when making your request.

Email or text Nancy Farina or call the office (973.694.8316) with your request.
Nancy's contact information is in the church directory.

Good Steward Award



On Reformation Sunday, we will announce the honoree of the 2026 St. Timothy Good Steward Award. It is given to a member of the congregation who exemplifies the principles of Christian stewardship: gracious giving of time, talent & treasure; devotion to serving Christ & his people; faithfulness to the disciplines of prayer & worship; and commitment to our church ministries.

Nominations for the 2026 award are now being taken. Paper forms are available in the narthex or simply [click HERE](#) in this document or in the links of the weekly e-blasts, or type this url into your browser: <https://forms.gle/iHZBg5dgQJhHbfnR8>

Suggestions are due by 9am on Thursday, October 22nd.



Weekly Tuesday Events ~ October 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

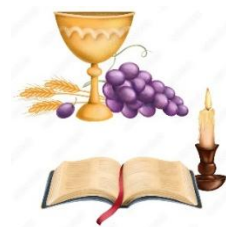
Meditation with Movement at 1pm in the Parlor (or sometimes Fellowship Hall). Tara, our awesome instructor, leads us through a series of stretching and strengthening motions within a quiet, contemplative atmosphere. The pay-as-you-go fee schedule allows for regular or sporadic participation.



The cost is \$10 cash per session. This activity is open to the community, so feel free to share with interested friends and neighbors! Call the office or see Nancy Farina for more information.
No mat needed but BYOH₂O (aka water)!

Bible Study with Holy Communion at 2pm in the Parlor.

Is the Spirit moving you to a deeper understanding of Scripture? Unable to get to church on Sunday mornings but still want to participate in the communal action of Communion and reading of the gospels?



Join Pastor Kimberly on Tuesday afternoons as she leads discussion of upcoming lectionary passages followed by the distribution of Holy Communion!

Needleworks Groups ~ October 7th and 21st

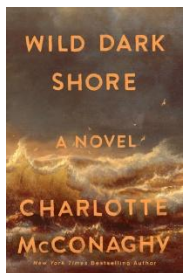
The Angels Circle meet at 9:30am and Nellie's Knit & Crochet gather at 10:30am. Both groups assemble for about an hour and a half.

Sew-at-home kits are available to put together 6-inch, 8-inch, or 10-inch pre-cut squares to form the top layer of our lap quilts. Our small group of dedicated volunteers will then apply the batting and finishing to complete the lap quilts which are distributed to several very appreciative groups.



Kits can be found on the table in Fellowship Hall
or ask Barbara Kaplan.

Bookworms Book Club ~ October 10th



A contemporary fiction novel of breathtaking twists, dizzying beauty, and ferocious love, Wild Dark Shore is about the impossible choices we make to protect the people we love, even as the world around us disappears.

—from goodreads

For Bookworms information, including the complete list of chosen works for 2026, contact Barbara Westerberg at 973.696.1471 on how to join in the friendly discussion.



November Newsletter deadline ~ October 12th



Chairpersons and program leaders are reminded to submit articles and relevant information to the office on the 2nd Monday of the month.

The congregation is also invited to contribute content of milestone celebrations or community achievements so that your St. Timothy family can share in your joy!

Send these notices at any time.

Hymn Sing @ Alps at Wayne ~ October 14th

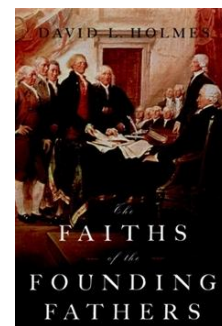


Spend an hour engaging the shut-in and rehabilitating population of this care facility with familiar song. Lyric sheets provided, just bring your voice and sunny disposition!

Meet in the Lobby at 10am – 1120 Alps Road, Wayne New Jersey.
Questions? See Carolyn Russo

Adult Book Group ~ October 15th ~ NEW TIME 1pm

Come join us as we begin reading The Faiths of the Founding Fathers by David Holmes. This being the 250th Anniversary year of our nation's founding, Holmes offers an account of the religious culture of the late colonial era and the various forms of religious and enlightenment beliefs that flourished in America, highlighting the profound effect this intellectual movement had on the founding generation. We'll examine the individual beliefs of a variety of men and women who loom large in our national history. Every notable from George and Martha Washington, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Dolly and James Madison and all the other founding personalities. Respectful of Christianity, they admired the ethics of Jesus and believed religion could play a beneficial role in society. An intriguing look at religion in America's founding culture and its effect on our modern culture as well.



Location: TBD; please call the Church Office
Great discussions, great fellowship, come join us!
-Barbara Westerberg and Art & Sandy DeRose



Annual Congregational Meeting ~ October 25th



The Annual Congregational Meeting for Budget will take place in the sanctuary directly following the single 9:30am worship service of October 25th. The supporting documents and agenda will be shared with members closer to the date.

Reformation Sunday Brunch ~ October 25th

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther sparked the protestant reformation, when he challenged the church practices of his day. The story goes that he nailed 95 theses to the Wittenberg church door. His disagreement led to excommunication and the beginning of a new church denomination, the Lutherans. We remember this every year on the last Sunday in October.

Today we celebrate in a spirit of connection (with food) and renewed appreciation for the ways of our Lutheran theological foundations that shape our faith today (with food). Activities for all ages will be available at the brunch!

All are invited to contribute for our potluck brunch via SignUp Genius ([click HERE](#) or scan the QR code) or on the paper sheet on the bulletin board at church.



Luncheon will begin in Fellowship Hall immediately following the conclusion of the Annual Budget Meeting.



10/1 Lauren Bedi	10/20 Nathaniel Kaplan
10/5 Conrad Brassel	10/21 Josh Abrahamson
10/5 Lisa Koppenal	10/21 Amber Rusin
10/7 Henry McGrath	10/24 Eleanor Germann
10/12 Maddie Schloesser	10/25 John Steible
10/17 Terri Loftus	10/29 Robert Gerding
10/18 Pat Zangrilli	10/31 Ewald Schloesser



10/4 Amanda & Mark Moebius
 10/16 Cindy & Christopher Gaffney
 10/21 Julia Suarez-Hayes & David Hayes
 10/26 Karen & Tom Sajban

Know someone who should be on this list but isn't??

Please email Deb at st.tims395@yahoo.com

or call the office at 973-694-8316!



All Saints Sunday ~ November 1st with guest preacher

TIPS Contributions for December Edition ~ November 9th

Hanging of the Greens ~ November 22nd

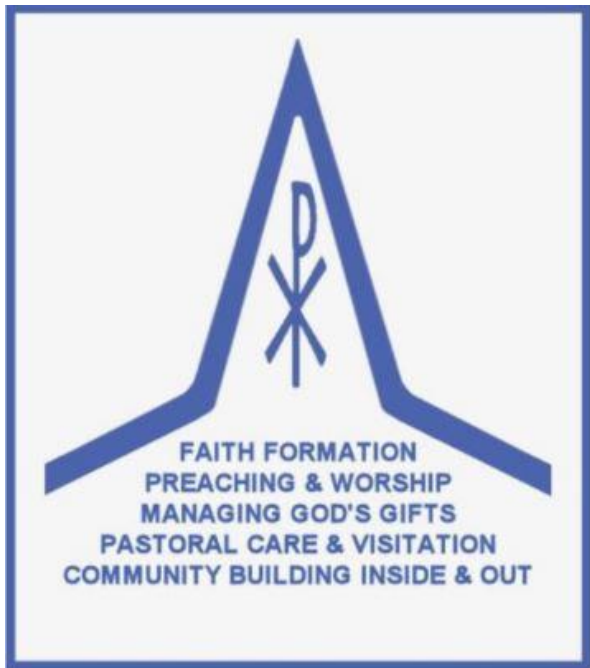
Thanksgiving Interfaith Service ~ November 24th

Christmas Poinsettia Sale

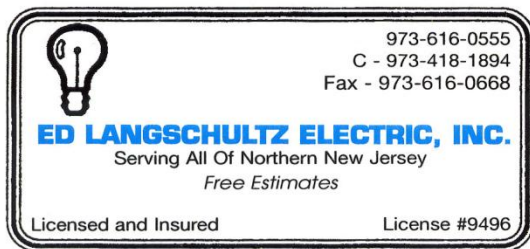


DATE	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Assisting Minister	Reader	A/V
Oct 4	Karen Sajban	Tom Sajban Jeff Riotto	Jackson Scillieri	Fallon King	Robin Koegel	Samantha DeRose
Oct 11	Terri Loftus	Doug Zangrilli Lori VanDerStad	TBD	Carolyn Russo	Anne Loffredo	Craig Beyer
Oct 18	Valerie McGrath	Sue & Chris Phelan	Kaila Gabel	Karen McAleer	Art DeRose	Compton Cooper
Oct 25 <i>Reformation Sunday (9:30am)</i>	Lori VanDerStad	Karen McAleer Tom Sajban	Lillian Johnsson	Laura Dec	Colleen Duffy	Karen Sajban

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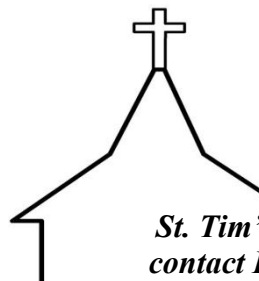


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